Medical Registration.

17. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the applications for registration under the Medical Registration Act have failed to receive consideration hitherto?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: All applications received within the statutory period have been duly considered.

Visha Vaidyasalas.

18. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of grant paid to Visha Vaidyasalas during 1120?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: The amount of grant paid to Visha Vaidyasalas in 1120 was Rs. 4,140.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether the Government have taken any statistics regarding the number of people dying on account of snake bite?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: No.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know the number of grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasalas in the State at present?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: At the end of 1120 there were 25 grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasalas in the State.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether applications are pending for the grant of Visha Vaidyasalas?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I claim notice of that question.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pattanamthitta:* May I know whether there is any institution where practical training is given in Visha Chikitsa?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: Nobody dies on account of snake bite.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether any training is given on the subject?

President: I thought all these were hereditary secrets in the hands of some families. I don't know whether there is any book on the subject. There is no such philanthropic organization where the students are trained. It does not obtain anywhere.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: There are Visha Vaidyasalas where the Vaidyans treat snake bites. The students could be given practical training in these institutions.

President: I do not want to limit the curiosity of the honourable Member. The position is this in snake bite or any other bite. For example, there are rabbits or monkeys in the Guindy Institute, Madras. They are bitten by snakes and

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